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In Re Application Of: Ronald L. Carr

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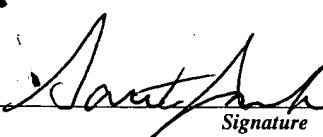
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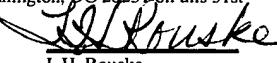
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PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER 37 CFR 1.181 TO RESET A REPLY PERIOD

Applicant hereby petitions the commissioner under 37 CFR §1.181 in the above-captioned patent application, to have the period for response to the Examiner's Answer, mailed January 31, 2003, reset according to the rules.

The facts are as follows:

Applicant faxed a change of address to the above-captioned art unit on October 21, 2002. Notwithstanding, the Examiner's Answer was mailed on January 31, 2003, to Applicant's old address and was not received by Applicant. The Post Office returned the mailing to the Patent Office and a clerk, Sandra Garnett, at the Patent Office called this office and inquired as to our correct address. This was supplied along with a Certificate of Facsimile and the transmittal confirmation report. Subsequently, the Examiner's Answer was remailed on March 21, 2003

and was received in this office on March 27, 2003. However, a cover letter indicated that the period for response was not being reset.

Applicable Rules

MPEP 502.01 provides that except in certain cases which do not apply here, correspondence may be transmitted to the Patent Office by facsimile. "The date of receipt . . . is the date the complete transmission is received by an Office facsimile unit . . ." Attached as Exhibit A is a Confirmation Sheet provided by the facsimile unit used for transmission, showing that the transmission was received by an Office facsimile unit and the Change of Attorney's Address. Particularly, the confirmation sheet indicates that the transmission was successfully sent to the phone number indicated. The change of address included a Certificate of Transmission, which is shown in Exhibit B, and is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(a)(1)(i)(B) and (ii). The change of address was faxed to the facsimile machine for Group 3600. The number was posted on the USPTO's website. A copy of the page of the website is included in Exhibit C. Accordingly, Applicants fully complied with MPEP 502.01 for sending correspondence by facsimile.

This office called the examiner and the examiner's supervisor asking that the period be reset according to the requirements of MPEP 710.06, which states:

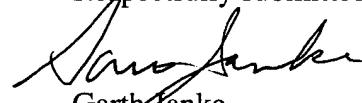
"Where for any reason it becomes necessary to remail any action . . ., the action should be correspondingly redated, as it is the remailing date that establishes the beginning of the period for reply."

However, both the examiner and the examiner's supervisor refused to reset the period.

Applicant's Request

Although a Reply was prepared under severe time constraints in order to meet the current official deadline for response, Applicant requests that the period for response be reset according to the rules to give Applicant a chance to supplement the Reply being filed. It is respectfully submitted that the period should have been reset upon remailing to begin on the new mailing date of March 21, 2003. Since this did not happen, Applicant respectfully submits that the period should be reset to begin when Applicant is notified that this petition is being granted, so that Applicant receives the 2 month period for response to which he is entitled under 37 CFR 1.193.

Respectfully submitted,



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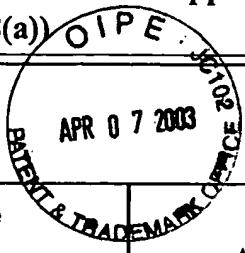
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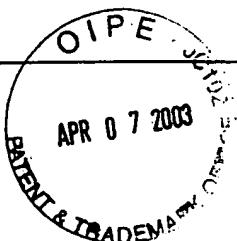
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